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1. The material supply situation at the Gelenkwellenwerk Stadtilm, Thuringia, is good at the moment. The Henningsdorf works are delivering a better grade of steel. The steel delivered by the Maxhütte at Unterwellenborn is used mainly for truck underbodies. Soviet orders, which are mainly for driving shafts for tanks, are filled with steel obtained from Sweden through Poland.
2. The production runs as it has been doing, about 4,000 driving shafts a month. The production of crankshafts and flexible drive (cardan) shafts is being increased.
3. It is reported that the Nordhausen tractor works will shortly undertake the production of a Diesel caterpillar tractor. The Nordhausen plants call for 52 shafts monthly from Stadtilm.

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